

DDRS Newsletter

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Annual Plan Brings Positive Results

Since changing the DD Waiver system's focus from hours of service to quality of outcomes, we have had many success stories shared with us. Teams have created effective plans for service delivery that will meet the needs of the individual, the family and the provider. For example, some families now have the opportunity to bring their family member home for dinner during the week. This had been discouraged by the provider under the old billing model. Other

Teams have increased participation in community based Day Service activities. One provider is now offering a bowling league for individuals to participate in during the evening hours. These solutions, and many others, are the result of strong and creative teamwork. Consumers will benefit greatly from these solutions and the State wants to take this opportunity to congratulate those who have made these positive changes.

We also want to remind providers that decisions regarding service changes for an individual must be made with the approval of the team. Unilateral changes, made without agreement of the team are unacceptable. With the added flexibility of the Annual Plan and the revised service definitions, it is expected that services for individuals will change to better reflect the realities of everyday life and the importance of working toward progress on outcomes.

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New Provider Orientation

All prospective providers must complete this mandatory orientation to be held on December 7, 2005. Registration is required.

Provider Orientation covers the provider application process for services that require submission of a proposal. Any prospective provider who would like to submit a proposal between January 3, 2006 and February 1, 2006 should attend.

At this time, BDDS is accepting applications for the following BDDS Services: Adult Day Services Level 1, 2, and 3; Adult Foster Care, Level 1, 2, and 3; Community-Based Sheltered Employment; Community Transition Supports; Crisis Assistance Services; Day Services; Family and Caregiver Training Services; Rent/Food for Unrelated Live-in Caregiver Services; Residential Habilitation and Support Daily; Residential Living Allowance and

Management Services; Respite Care Services; Transportation.

Some of these services are affected by the Annual Plan which went into effect on November 1, 2005.

For more information on how to register, please see the training announcement on page 3.

Communication

Training Type: Learn how to improve communication with persons with developmental disabilities/mental retardation. Gain a better understanding of pre-language skills, assistive technology, and augmentative communication. Learn to identify a person's level of communicative functioning as well as identify training strategies that will enhance the communication experience.

Sponsor: Southeast Indiana Outreach Services

Audience: Family Members, Direct Support Professionals, House Managers, QMRPs, Case Managers, Speech Pathologists, Teachers and other providers

When/Where:

December 8, 2005

9:00 am to 11:00 am

Outreach Training Center, Room B-208

Madison State Hospital

January 12, 2006

9:00 am to 11:00 am

TBA, Columbus

January 12, 2006

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

TBA, Columbus

Contact/Registration: Robin Stearns at Robin.Stearns@fssa.in.gov

Class is limited to 12 registrants.

Living Life to the Fullest

Training Type: Learn how to develop strategies for supporting people in meaningful, purposeful ways. Understand essential characteristics of a "meaningful day."

Sponsor: Southeast Indiana Outreach Services and Indiana Institute on Disability and Community

Audience: Direct Support Professionals, Family Members, House Managers, QMRP's, Case Managers, and other providers

When/Where:

December 13 and 14, 2005

9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Jennings Public Library, North Vernon

January 11 and 12, 2006

9:00 am to 3:30 pm

TBA, Seymour

January 25 and 26, 2006

9:00 am to 3:30 pm

TBA, Batesville

Contact/Registration: Robin Stearns at Robin.Stearns@fssa.in.gov

Class is limited to 12 registrants.

Continuing Education Credits are now available for 1.0 CEUs (10 instructed hours). The processing fee is \$15. Checks should be made out to Indiana University. Complete CEU application form at the time of class enrollment.

Foundations of Dysphagia and Nutritional Management

Training Type: Train-the-Trainer session. Learn about possible health risks associated with dysphagia, triggers that identify choking, food textures and liquid consistencies.

Sponsor: Southeast Indiana Outreach Services

Audience: Nurses, Therapists, QMRPs, RDs, Staff Development Trainers, Family Members, Program Directors and House Managers

When/Where:

December 15, 2005

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Lawrenceburg Public Library

January 5, 2006

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

TBA, New Albany

January 19, 2006

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

TBA, Seymour

Contact/Registration: Robin Stearns at Robin.Stearns@fssa.in.gov

Class is limited to 12 registrants.

Dual Diagnosis

Training Type: This training will help caregivers understand what dual diagnosis (DD/MI) is, how to screen for it, and general treatment/support guidelines for working with this challenging population.

Sponsor: Southeast Indiana Outreach Services

Audience: Direct Support Professionals, House Managers, QMRPs, Case Managers, Family Members, Behavior Consultants

When/Where:

December 7, 2005

9:00 am to 3:30 pm

TBA, District 7

January 18, 2006

9:00 am to 3:30 pm

TBA, Columbus

Contact/Registration: Robin Stearns at Robin.Stearns@fssa.in.gov

Class is limited to 12 registrants.

New Provider Orientation

Training Type: Covers the provider application process for services that require submission of a proposal. This is a required orientation for all prospective providers.

Sponsor: Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services

Audience: All prospective new providers who would like to submit proposals from January 3, 2006 to February 1, 2006. Only one person per company should attend.

When/Where:

December 7, 2005

9:00 am to 4:00 pm (registration begins at 8:30 am)

Indiana Government Center South, Auditorium

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Contact/Registration: Registration required. New providers contact Kelly Scott 317-232-7842

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Prevention of Abuse and Neglect

Training Type: Learn to identify different types of abuse and neglect; learn your responsibility as a witness to report abuse; ways to prevent abuse and much more.

Sponsor: Southeast Indiana Outreach Services and Indiana Institute on Disability and Community

Audience: Direct Support Professionals, QMRPs, Case Managers, BCs, Family Members, Program Managers, etc.

When/Where:

January 4, 2006

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

TBA, Batesville

January 19, 2006

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Outreach Training Center, Madison State Hospital
Room B-208

Contact/Registration: Robin Stearns at Robin.Stearns@fssa.in.gov

Class is limited to 12 registrants.

Understanding Seizure Disorders

Training Type: This training will help direct care staff to understand more about epilepsy, identify different types of seizures, and institute appropriate first aid. Approximately 10% of individuals with developmental disabilities also have a seizure disorder called epilepsy.

Sponsor: Indiana Epilepsy Services, a grant program funded through the Family and Social Services Administration, Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services, to provide education and support to those with epilepsy, their families, professionals, and the community.

Audience: Residential Services and Day Service Direct Care Staff; Developmental Disability Nurses; Case Managers; Employment Specialists; Vocational Rehabilitation Staff; and others who wish to know more about seizures.

When/Where:

December 9, Indianapolis

Lawrence Branch, Marion Co. Public Library

7898 Hague Road

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Contact: Kathy Forkner 317-355-5824

December 15, Muncie

Kennedy Library

1700 W. McGalliard Road

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Contact: Beth Schaffter 765-640-9005

December 16, Fort Wayne

Aging and In-Home Services

2927 Lake Avenue

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Contact: Julia McQueesn 260-465-2971
Ext 3000

December 21, Crown Point

InPact Offices

12300 Marshall Street

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Contact: Sherri DiMarco 219-662-0379

December 21, South Bend

Memorial Hospital Auditorium

615 N. Michigan Street

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Contact: Sue Bolin 574-282-1761

Training is free of charge, but Pre-Registration is mandatory. Please contact the person identified for the city and date you would like to attend. You must register at least two days in advance.